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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Magalie Roman Salas, Esquire Secretary Federal Communications Commission Room 222 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Salas,

Enclosed is an original and four copies of a Petition for Rule Making to amend the FM table of allotments for a new FM broadcast station for Beulah, Colorado.

Sincerely,

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In the matter of:	)		
Amendment of Section 73.202 (b)	)	RM-	
Table of Allotments	),		
FM Broadcast Stations	)		
(Beulah, Colorado)	)		

# PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

In this petition, Mountain West Broadcasting is hereby requesting to allot channel 230C3 (93.9 Mhz) to Beulah, Colorado as its first local FM allotment.

#### INTRODUCTION

1. This statement is a petition for rule making to allot FM channel 230C3 (93.9 Mhz) to Beulah and add it to the Commission's FM table of allotments, 73.202. The following will show the need for an FM channel and the effects the allotment of Channel 230C3 to Beulah will have.

#### DISCUSSION

2. Beulah is located in South Central Colorado. It is also located within Pueblo County, a county of some 123,051 persons. Beulah has a population of 600 persons in accordance with the 1999 Rand McNally Road Atlas, which is based on 1990 census data.

3. The allotment of channel 230C3 to Beulah will provide the first local broadcast facility to the community and/or the surrounding area. The closest FM allotment to Beulah is located at Walsenburg, Colorado. Walsenburg is located 34 kilometers from Beulah. Beulah, while not incorporated, has many retail businesses as it is located on the conjested highway 78 which leads to Pueblo, Colorado. Beulah has also seen dramatic growth and is estimated to have a population of over 800 persons.

It is obvious that from the above spacing that Beulah is presently without local FM service.

- 4. Beulah would greatly benefit from an FM allotment due to the fact there is no AM or FM broadcast facilities within 34 Kilometers of Beulah. Because of this, it would have an outlet for local self expression. Health and safety for the community would be increased due to having a local communications outlet for warning the Beulah area of emergency conditions caused by severe weather or other health hazards.
- 5. Channel 230C3 can be allotted to Beulah and meet all rules and requirements of the Commission. The instant proposal will not cause a change in the channel number or a deletion of any channel now appearing in the Commission's table of allotments 73,202.

	•	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Beulah, Colorado			230C3

6. In accordance with 73.207 of the Commission's rules, "Minimum Distance Separations between Stations", all allotments on Channel 230C3 and the pertinent adjacent channels to 230C3 have been studied with the results listed in Figure 1 of this petition. The geographic coordinates used for the spacing

Study (N 37 - 53' - 15", W. 105 - 01' - 31") are that of a site located 21.1 kilometers south of the community of Beulah. A site restriction of 21.1 kilometers south will be required to allot channel 230C3 to Beulah. Many suitable transmitter sites are available to provide city grade coverage (3.16 mv/m or 70 dbu) to the entire community of Beulah. These sites would also provide full minimum spacing requirements to other allotments.

### CONCLUSION

- 7. It has been shown that Beulah would benefit from the allotment of channel 230C3. It has also been shown that channel 230C3 can be allotted to Beulah and meet all rules regarding spacing from other stations. Considering these two facts, Mountain West Broadcasting hereby requests that the Federal Communications Commission institute a Rule Making proceeding to amend the Table of Allotments to include channel 230C3 for Beulah, Colorado, 73.202.
- 8. Should channel 230C3 be allotted to Beulah, I certify that I will file an application for a Construction Permit to operate an FM station for Beulah, Colorado.

## **CERTIFICATION**

9. I certify that I have prepared or directly supervised the preparation of this entire Petition for Rule Making, and that the facts contained within are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, accurate and true.

Dated:

February 10, 1999

Respectfully submitted,

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MAPFM search of channel 230C3 (93.9 MHz), at N. 37 53 15, W. 105 1 31.

Search	ing Channel 230C3 (93.9	MHz	) <b>:</b>						
CALL	CITY	ST	CHN	CL	S	DIST	SEPN	BRNG	CLEARANCE
ALC	Alamosa	CO	228	A	U	86.4	42.0	237.8°	44.4
K228DS	Canon City, Florence &	CO	228	D	L	39.9	0.0	356.6°	39.9
KALQFM	Alamosa	CO	228	A	L	86.4	42.0	237.8°	44.4
ALC	Salida	CO	229	C3	V	106.9	99.0	308.4°	7.9
NEW	Salida	CO	229	C3	Α	106.3	99.0	305.7°	7.3
NEW	Salida	CO	229	C3	A	106.3	99.0	305.7°	7.3
NEW	Salida	CO	229	C3	A	111.2	99.0	308.2°	12.2
ALC	Raton	NM	229	C2	U	144.2	117.0	157.9°	27.2
KRTNFM	Raton	NM	229	C2	L	144.2	117.0	157.9°	27.2
ALC	Frisco	CO	230	A	U	208.1	138.0	332.9°	70.1
KYSL	Frisco	CO	230	A	L	208.1	138.0	332.9°	70.1
ALC	Montrose	CO	231	C	U	234.7	176.0	282.3°	58.7
KKXK	Montrose	CO	231	C	L	234.7	176.0	282.3°	58.7
ALC	Colorado Springs	CO	232	С	U	96.3	96.0	8.5°	0.3
KILO	Colorado Springs	CO	232	C	L	96.3	96.0	8.5°	0.3
ALC	Canon City	CO	283	A	U	63.0	11.0	333.0°	52.0
KSTY	Canon City	CO	283	Α	C	50.2	11.0	341.0°	39.2
KYZX	Pueblo	CO	283	C2	L	83.1	17.0	26.7°	66.1

FIGURE 1
MOUNTAIN WEST BROADCASTING
BEULAH, COLORADO